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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJ: ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER

REF: A. KUWAIT 4195 DTG 300431Z SEP 74

B. SECDEF 5866 DTG 031557Z OCT 74

1. DURING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DOD REP AND CINC KUWAITI ARMED FORCES, MGEN SHAIKH MUBARAK ON 14 DEC 74, MGEN MUBARAK AGAIN SHOWED INTEREST IN ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS.

2. THE FMC AIFV (XM 765) WAS DISCUSSED AND APPEARS TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS PREVIOUSLY STATED BY MGEN MUBARAK (REPORTED IN REF A). MGEN MUBARAK OBJECTS TO XM 765 ON BASIS THAT IT IS NOT IN US INVENTORY AND STATED HE WOULD PREFER TO BUY ONE BATTALION OF M113 AND WAIT TO SEE WHAT US DID ON A SUCCESSOR TO M113. WHEN TOLD THAT DELIVERY TIMES FOR M113 WERE QUOTE EXTREMELY LONG UNQUOTE HE STATED THAT HE COULD NOT WAIT MORE THAN ONE YEAR.

3. BEST INFO LOCALLY AVAILABLE (REF B) IS THAT THE NETHERLANDS IS PLANNING TO BUY SEVERAL HUNDRED XM 765 WITHIN ABOUT TWO MONTHS. PRICE AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE
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NOT LOCALLY AVAILABLE. ALSO, WE BELIEVE XM765 IS A

PRODUCT IMPROVED M113 WITH SAME BASIC CHASSIS AND POWER TRAIN.

4. WE ARE GENERALLY AWARE THAT THE US ARMY HAS A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR A MECHANIZED INFANTRY COMBAT VEHICLE (MICV) AND THAT XM765 WAS ONE OF THE PROPOSALS FOR THE MICV. REQUEST STATUS OF US ARMY MICV PROGRAM AND DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE.

5. IF MICV NOT WITHIN REASONABLE TIME FRAME, BELIEVE GOK WOULD BUY XM765 IF DELIVERY REASONABLE, AND USG WOULD ASSURE SUPPORT. ALTERNATIVELY, WE WILL BE FACED WITH A REQUEST FOR M113 WITH A ONE YEAR DELIVERY SCHEDULE WHICH WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO RECEIVE.

6. REQUEST PROVIDE CONFIRMATION OF XM765 DESIGN SIMILARLY TO M113, PRICE, AVAILABILITY AND PRODUCTION STATUS. NOTE: P AND A DATA NOT RECEIVED WITH DESCRIPTIVE DATA (REF B).
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